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Christmas event huge success thanks to community effort

The Christmas season got off in grand style in Hoopeston Saturday with "Shop Hoopeston First, Christmas 1997," a special Chamber of Commerce promotion.

"It was a big success," said event organizer Robin Lawson, Chamber retail committee chairman.

The event started at 10 a.m. Saturday, with the annual Christmas parade. Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived, but not by train, as planned.

A special passenger car from the CSX Railroad ran late. "It was cold and we just didn't know how we could have the kids stand outside (waiting for the train)," Lawson said. "As of 8 a.m., it was still a go. It was on its way."

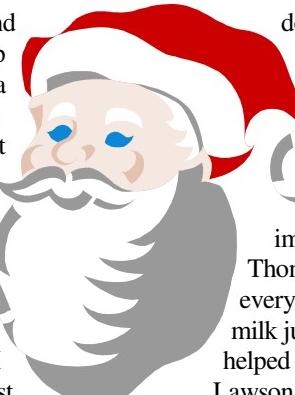
Saturday evening was busy, as stores had extended shopping hours with special discounts.

A tent in the 200 block of East Main housed entertainment, including performances by the Academy of Performing Arts, vocals by Carol Kloska's voice students, Tina Buhrmester and the Hoopeston Area Girl Scouts, Mr. Magic and Lody Jody, youth from the Methodist Church and the Baptist Church choir.

The tent also held a craft/bake sale with items from the Westside Church of the Nazarene, First Christian Church and United Methodist Church.

A separate tent housed free popcorn, hot chocolate and hot cider, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, as well as children's games and cookies to be decorated, also sponsored by the Chamber.

The event would not have been successful without the help of many people, Lawson said. Tops on her list is Chamber president Russ Leigh. "Over the last two years, every time I've ever needed anything, all I had to



do was call him," she said. "Every promotion I had, he was there helping, doing all the dirty work. He said he was going to do something and he did it, then he stood in the background and didn't take any credit," she said.

Two other people who helped immensely were Brian Lawson and Chad Thomas of T & L Lawn Care. "Those boys did everything," Lawson said. "They helped collect milk jugs, cut the holes in them, helped fill them, and helped Saturday night."

Lawson said special thanks also goes to:

Debbie Dixon for running the food booth and Judi Benjamin who organized children's games.

Charlie Smith, "for trying to get the train here" and the popcorn popper.

Brian Laursen for donating the tent and Smith, Leigh, Tom Hughes and Dave McFadden for putting it up.

Paul and Sandra Drullinger of For Keeps for donating the use of their lot and picking up jugs for luminaries.

Dave Ervin, Tom Spear, Silver Brothers and Kenny McVicker for heaters and lights.

Cindy Houmes and daughters and Barbara and Sarah Powley for help with luminaries.

Tent workers, including Marty Borders, Teri Dean, Kristi Evans and Jim Eyrich and Hoopeston Area High School's Students Against Alcohol and Drugs for putting the luminaries out.

The Lorraine Theatre for donating popcorn, oil and bags; Brown's Cash & Carry for the entertainment trailer; Mark Lindvahl and the Hoopeston Area High

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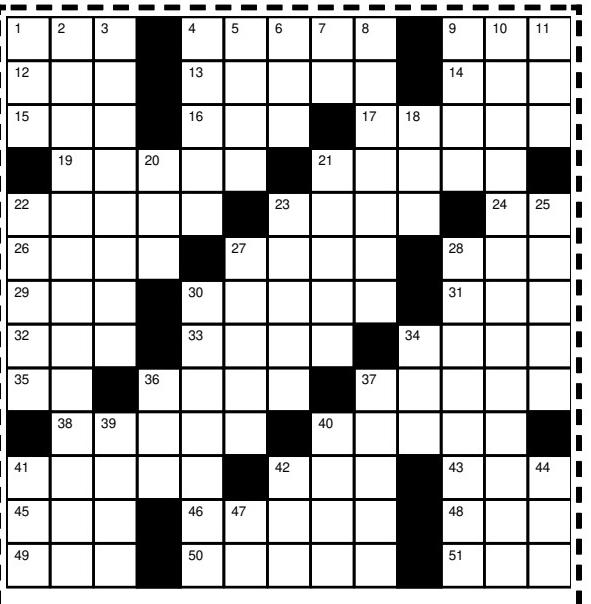
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Police News



Cora Puritt, 624 E. McCracken, reported Sunday that someone took the sticker from the back license plate on her 1985 Buick LeSabre.

Cliff Foster reported Monday that someone took an undisclosed amount of money from the V.F.W., 426 W. Orange.

Police are investigating.

Across

- 1. Compete
- 4. Gives forth
- 9. Ram's mate
- 12. Lodging place
- 13. Israel's prime minister
- 14. Chinese crop
- 15. Expert
- 16. _____ Grande, river
- 17. German sub: hyph. word
- 19. Welles or Bean
- 21. Representative
- 22. Smithy's block
- 23. Advantage
- 24. Time unit: abbr.
- 26. Russian ruler
- 27. Ancient France
- 28. Charge
- 29. Morsel
- 30. Brass instrument
- 31. Sphere
- 32. Fruit drink
- 33. Graceful tune
- 34. Ear part
- 35. Biblical pronoun
- 36. Govern
- 37. Tourist's stop
- 38. Dance or Table
- 40. _____ Charta
- 41. Fluttered
- 42. Buddy
- 43. Baseball's Mel
- 45. Greek letter
- 46. Choose
- 48. Links gadget
- 49. Lamprey
- 50. Lassos
- 51. Finale

Down

- 1. By way of
- 2. Thoughtless
- 3. Weaken
- 4. 'Swashbuckler' Flynn
- 5. Principal
- 6. Nigerian tribe
- 7. It follows 'la'
- 8. Nestle
- 9. Short jacket
- 10. Toughened by the elements: hyph. word
- 11. Dine
- 18. Apiary member

- 20. Gawain's title
- 21. Grown-up
- 22. Cornered: 2 words
- 23. Bird of prey
- 25. Mutineer
- 27. Craftmen's group of yore
- 28. Page comment for reader
- 30. Foolish error
- 34. Fire fuel
- 36. Regret

- 37. Stops
- 39. Elliptical
- 40. Spice
- 41. Minute
- 42. Vigor
- 44. A Kennedy
- 47. Behold!

Christmas continued from other side

School Marching Cornjerkers and all the entertainment and bake sale/craft groups.

□ the city of Hoopeston for providing tables and trash barrels and Mayor Bob Ault for arranging for the tent to be watched Friday night and the Hoopeston Police Department for leading the parade.

□ merchants who stayed open late Saturday.

□ Santa and Mrs. Claus for making the special trip.

□ all those who donated jugs for luminaries, and everyone who attended the event.

"It was really nice to see everyone working together and all the people enjoying themselves," Lawson said.

Court Dispositions



Nov. 6: Timothy Farney, Ambia, Ind., paid \$5 in full.

Robert Glenn, Hoopeston, illegal sound system; bench trial Dec. 4.

Joshua Haley, East Lynn, illegal passing, pleaded guilty; \$75 total.

James Hamm, Watseka, speeding, pleaded guilty; \$115 total, six months court supervision.

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

Nov. 20, 1997

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Louise Totheroh, Robert Albert.

Nov. 21, 1997

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Marion Graves, Mae Martin.

Nov. 22, 1997

Admitted: none.

Discharged: none.

Nov. 23, 1997

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Cora Pruitt.

Weather



Partly sunny today. High 55. Tonight, fair. Low 42. Tomorrow, sunny. High 55, low 43.

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RUMMAGE SALES

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